IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| in re Application of: |) | |
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| | : | Examiner: Jamares Washington |
| TOMOAKI ENDO ET AL. |) | |
| | : | TC/Art Unit: 2625 |
| Application No.: 10/756,773 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No.: 2334 |
| Filed: January 14, 2004 |) | |
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| For: INFORMATION PROCESSING |) | |
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| PROCESSING METHOD, |) | |
| INFORMATION PROCESSING | : | |
| SYSTEM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM |) | |
| FOR STORING INFORMATION | : | |
| PROCESSING PROGRAM |) | January 23, 2009 |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows:

- amendments to the claims are presented in the listing starting at page 2; and
- remarks are presented starting at page 10.